

Amendment

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In re application of: Xuyen Pham et al.

Application No.: 09/154,930

Filed: September 17, 1998

Group Art Unit: 3751

For: POWDER FILLING APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR  
THEIR USE

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attorney Docket No. 15225-003010US

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[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					

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RATE	ADDIT. FEE
x \$9.00 =	
x \$39.00 =	
+ \$130.00 =	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

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SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDIT. FEE
x \$18.00 =	\$0.00
x \$78.00 =	\$0.00
+ \$260.00 =	
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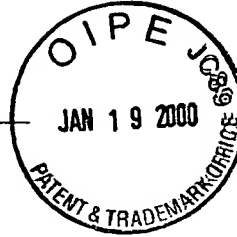
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 14, 1999, please amend the subject application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows (all claims are set forth for convenient reference):

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1. (Once amended) A method for transporting a fine powder, comprising:  
placing the fine powder into a hopper having an opening therein;  
vibrating a vibratable element within the fine powder, wherein the vibratable member has a distal end in the vicinity of the opening, and wherein the vibratable member is vibrated in an up and down motion relative to the powder in the hopper;
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